

To the Honorable Chairman and Members of the FCC:
I urge the FCC to REJECT the petition of the National Association of Broadcasters to prohibit XM Satellite Radio from broadcasting Traffic & Weather to local communities.

I have been a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio since its inception (December 2002) and find it to be an extraordinary invocation in broadcasting. It has never deterred me from listening to over the air AM or FM radio. Yet it has been a terrific enhancement in the form of listening options.

It is my understanding that the FCC is considering prohibiting XM Satellite Radio from broadcasting Instant Traffic and Weather to local cities ... I reside in Los Angeles and find this service to be invaluable. As local AM stations change formats, even all news stations, traffic conditions become random and unpredictable. XM Radio provides stable, constant coverage. In NO WAY does this detract from my listening to local AM broadcasts.

It seems totally inconsistent for the FCC to be considering a move to stifle innovation and progress. Again, I urge the FCC to REJECT the petition of the National Association of Broadcasters to prohibit XM Satellite Radio from broadcasting Traffic & Weather to local communities.

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